such action as may be considered necessary, if the complaint is found correct.

Secretariat Security Force

3195. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sepoys in the Secretariat Security Force (SSF) are recruitted on the pattern of CRPF and imparted training at CRPF Training Centre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have not been given the pay scales and other facilities on a par with CRPF personnel; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. Recruitment to the post of Sepoy in SSF is not done on the same pattern as of CRPF. However, before their deployment, the SSF Sepoys are imparted training specially devised for un-armed personnel at CRPF Training Centre, Neemuch.

(b) and (c) The Sepoys of SSF have not been given pay scales and other facilities at par with the CRPF personnel owing to the difference in the nature of duties performed by them.

Memorandum seeking relaxation to mandatory percentage for packing of commodities in Jute Bags

3196. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from business bodies, associations of woven sack industry, cement and fertiliser industries, etc. seeking relaxation in mandatory percentages for packing of commodities in jute bags; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is not proposing to withdraw the Reservation Order dated 29th May, 1987 issued under section 3(1) of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 (10 of 1987) prescribing certain percentage of total production of commodity or class of commodities required to be packed in jute packaging material. Some parties have filed Writ Petitions in various High Courts against the Act and the above Reservation Order and the matter is sub-judice.

Workers covered by Minimum Wages

3197. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers covered by the minimum wages in the country as on 1st April, 1987;